

# Cahto Indian Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria

## Elected Officials

**Chairman:** Mary Norris

**Vice Chairperson:** Tasheena Sloan

**Tribal Administrator:** Paula Britton

**Environmental Director:** Vacant

**Land Base:** 264 acres

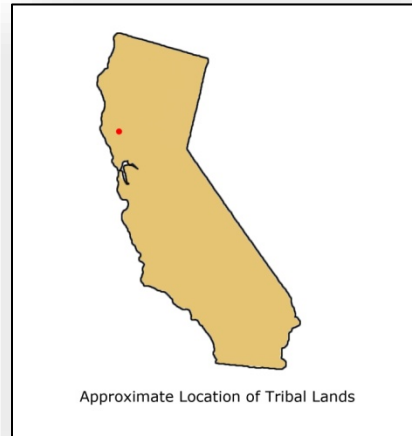
**Primary Economy:** Gaming, (residents travel off the Reservation for employment)

## Population and Poverty (2012-16 American Community Survey)

295 residents live on the Reservation; 40.6% of which live in poverty.

## EPA Funding (2018-2019)

CWA 319	-
CWA 106	-
GAP	\$28,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>



## Clean Water Act Activities

Under their CWA 106 Program the Cahto Tribe has been successful in developing their water quality monitoring program, assessing tribal waters, and developing water quality ordinances prohibiting discharges on tribal lands. The Tribe is finalizing water quality standards and preparing an application for Tribal Program Authority under Section 303 Water Quality Standards and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for EPA approval and implementation for permitting and enforcement program activities. The Cahto Tribe obtained eligibility under the CWA 319 Non Point Source Pollution Control Program. Under their CWA 319 Program the Cahto Tribe has addressed nonpoint source pollution within their tribal waters. The Cahto Tribe contains the Cahto Creek, a 4,800 foot perennial stream that supports a salmon and steelhead fishery, including Coho Salmon. The major nonpoint source water quality concern for Cahto Creek is the reduction in riparian and aquatic habitat. The Cahto Tribe has been very successful in obtaining CWA 319 Competitive funds and completing on the ground projects to address water quality problems throughout the reservation. The most recent project was completed in 2009 to address degraded habitat areas with increased sedimentation that do not provide cut banks needed for salmon refuge during periods of low flows. The project restored degraded riparian habitat areas in a manner as similar as possible to pristine riparian areas adjacent to degraded areas.

Contact: Loretta Venegas, (415) 972-3433.

## Overview

Cahto of Laytonville is located approximately 164 miles from San Francisco, about halfway between Eureka and Santa Rosa, California. Laytonville is the highest community located on the 101 corridor with an elevation of approximately 2,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean. The Pacific Ocean is located only 26 miles west of the town and the Rancheria. The land area within one regional watershed boundary for the South Fork of the Eel River and lies within Cahto Creek Watershed. The Cahto Tribe received EPA's Treatment As State (TAS) eligibility authority under the CWA Section 106 Water Pollution Control Program in May 2000.

## Environmental Program

The Tribe utilizes GAP to conduct community outreach and education to modify solid waste behavior for both staff and residents. The Tribe is working to update their Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Environmental staff are also active participants at the Regional Tribal Operations Committee meetings. Contact: Marisol Anaya, (415) 972-3874.